

7th Grade Research Unit Common Assessment Study Guide

1. What is the purpose of a Works Cited Page?
2. What should be on a Works Cited Page?
3. How do you properly identify a title of a book when it's being typed?
4. How do you properly identify (punctuate) a title of an article when it's being typed or written?
5. What is the abbreviated name for the formal "agreed upon rules" of writing/typing a paper? (Modern Language Association)
6. Which of the following is true? Writing a research paper allows the researcher
 - a. to learn about the conventions of scholarly writing
 - b. to learn more about a topic
 - c. to learn about accepted styles of documentation
 - d. all of the above
7. What is the purpose and function of a thesis?
8. What needs to be included in your thesis statement?
9. Where should your thesis statement be put into your paper?
10. What is a "hook" and where does it go in your paper?
11. If you're required to write a 5-paragraph research paper, how many subtopics do you need to have in your thesis? Why?
12. What is the purpose of a "note card"?
13. What information goes on a note card? Practice labeling one here:
14. What is the purpose of a "bib card"?
15. What information goes on a bib card? (In what order?)
16. When would you use a parenthetical citation? What is its purpose?
17. How is a parenthetical citation properly punctuated?
18. What sort of information needs to go inside of a parenthetical citation?
19. What is the difference between the information put in a header and a heading?
20. Where is the header located in your paper?

21. Where is a heading located in your paper?
22. Should a header or a heading be put on your Works Cited Page?
23. What should every body paragraph begin with?
24. What is the purpose of a summary sentence?
25. When should transitions/transitional words be used? What are some examples?
26. Name at least 3 examples of different TYPES of sources that can be used for a research paper.
27. What does it mean for a source to be considered "credible"?
28. How can you double check whether a website is credible or not?
29. What is known as "the act of passing off another's words and ideas as your own"?
30. Why is the introduction paragraph considered the most important part of your research paper?
31. What is the purpose of a conclusion paragraph?
32. What needs to go in the beginning of your conclusion paragraph? Why?
33. What determines which sources get listed on your Works Cited Page and which ones do not?
34. How should the sources on your Works Cited Page be put in order?
35. What font, size and spacing should an MLA paper be typed in?
36. At minimum, how many details should be included for support for each subtopic discussed in the paper?
37. What is the difference between "summarizing" and "paraphrasing"?
38. What is the purpose of a "direct quote"? How should you choose which sentences to quote versus which to just summarize or paraphrase?
39. As a general rule, how many sentences should be in each body paragraph?
40. How should the last sentence of your paper be written?
41. Study the sample Works Cited Page. There are SEVEN errors on it... find and correct them.